

## FRANCE SHAKEN

Scandal Will Follow Henry's Confession to the Forgery of That Letter.

The Arrest of Col. Paty de Clam One of the Results—Steps Taken Toward Ordering a New Trial for Ex-Capt. Dreyfus.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—The Evening Journal's Paris dispatches have this to say of the suicide of Col. Henry: "The way out of the world was made easy for him. Apparently he was not searched when taken to the prison, for it is on good authority that he carried the razor in his satchel. He can tell no more now. It is charged that the government asked him point-blank to commit suicide, saying it was the best way to avoid the terrible scandal which must follow his confession, and which would tarnish the honor of the French army. Ultimately Henry did as persuaded and now many secrets will be buried with him in his grave."



LIEUT. COL. HENRY.

PARIS, Sept. 2.—The Echo says there is reason to believe that the minister of justice has taken steps toward ordering a new trial for ex-Capt. Dreyfus.

It is significant, the paper adds, that Lieut. Col. Henry committed suicide shortly after being visited by an officer of the general staff, who, after a prolonged stay, ordered the sentry at the door not to disturb Henry, as he had a great deal of work to do. After the departure of the officer Henry must have written his farewell letters, including telegrams addressed to Gen. Boisdeffre and M. Cavaignac, minister of war, and then cut his throat. An officer of high rank is authority for the statement that M. Cavaignac is convinced that Henry did not initiate the forgery of the fabricated letter, and every effort will be made to discover his accomplices.

It is rumored that the arrest of Lieut. Col. Paty de Clam is imminent, and there is also a widespread belief that a majority of the officers of the general staff will resign.

Later in the day La Patrie announced that Col. Paty de Clam had been arrested for complicity in the Dreyfus forgery.

PARIS, Sept. 2.—It is now insinuated that the suicide of Lieut. Col. Henry, the chief of the intelligence department of the French minister for war, was connived at by the French army authorities. In any case, the suicide occurred shortly after the prisoner had received a visit from an officer of the general staff, who, on leaving, ordered the sentry on duty before Col. Henry's place of confinement not to disturb the prisoner, as he had a lot of work to do. It is recalled that a similar opportunity to commit suicide was afforded to Dreyfus, who, however, declined to profit by it.

PARIS, Sept. 2.—The Dreyfus case presents no new features but there is a plentiful supply of rumors. The first of these is that Dreyfus is dead, no letter having been received from him for some weeks.

Another report is that Gen. Boisdeffre, who has just resigned the post of chief of the general staff, has committed suicide. Both these rumors are undoubtedly without foundation. Col. Paty de Clam is on a vacation trip in Switzerland and there is no confirmation of the statement of La Patrie that he had been arrested for complicity in the Henry forgery.

## The Public Debt Statement.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—The monthly statement of the public debt issued Thursday shows that on August 31, the public debt less cash in the treasury, was \$1,012,870,717, which is a decrease for the month of \$34,789,711. This decrease is accounted for by a corresponding increase in the cash on hand due to the receipts from the war loan.

## Gen. Merritt at Hong Kong.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—The war department has been advised of the arrival at Hong Kong of Gen. Merritt and Asst. Adjt. Gen. Babcock.

## Spanish Cabinet Crisis Probable.

MADRID, Sept. 2.—Thursday night several deputies have expressed a strong belief that a cabinet crisis will follow immediately on a meeting of the cortes.

The probable composition of the new conservative ministry is being discussed.

## Miles Leaves for Home.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—The war department is advised that Gen. Miles departed for this country from Ponce Thursday on the transport Auckland.

## PECUNIARY LOSS IS HEAVY.

Rice and Cotton Crop in the Vicinity of Savannah, Ga., Was Badly Damaged by Wednesday's Storm.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Sept. 2.—While Savannah suffered heavily from the cyclone which swept over this section of the coast Wednesday morning, the damage on the coast islands and the interior as far as the storm reached is probably greater.

The flooded condition of the country renders communication difficult and in many sections it is entirely cut off and no news has been received to indicate what the conditions are.

The first news from the Carolina Sea Islands, which were the scene of the great tidal storm of 1893 in which thousands of persons perished, was received Friday. While the storm was nothing like that of five years ago the loss is heavy. The beaches north of Tybee are lined with wrecks of small craft and at Bluffton and the other small settlements all the houses were unroofed and many were destroyed.

The Norwegian bark Bagna, which went ashore on Gaskin bank, was a total wreck Friday. The captain and crew were saved. The bark Noe, in attempting to rescue the crew of which Lieut. Morgan and one of his companions lost their lives, has about disappeared.

Small steamers have patrolled Calabogue sound all day searching for the bodies of the heroic rescuers, but they have not been recovered.

The loss to the rice crop on the Savannah river alone is estimated at \$200,000 to \$250,000. Three-fourths of the crop has been destroyed.

The loss to planters between Savannah and Augusta will run into the hundreds of thousands.

A heavy flood is reported in the upper Savannah river and messengers were sent out from here Friday night to warn planters of its approach.

The cotton crop in the counties adjoining Savannah is practically ruined. BEAUFORT, S. C., Sept. 3.—The schooner May O'Neil is ashore on Richards Island. The schooner C. C. Foss with main and mizzen masts gone, is ashore on Hunting Island. The schooner S. D. J. Rawson arrived at quarantine station Thursday night, dismasted, in tow of the tug Juno. The schooner Nelson Bartlett, dismantled, is ashore at Hilton Head. A schooner, name unknown, is ashore at South Ediston. The brig Ventura is inside Port Royal bar. The crews of all the vessels named are safe.

## WENT TO WATERY GRAVES.

Four Young Ladies of a Party of Pleasure Seekers Drowned in Presque Isle Bay, Erie, Pa.

ERIE, Pa., Sept. 3.—By the accidental jibing of the sail of a pleasure yacht on Presque Isle bay Friday evening four young women were swept off into the water and drowned before assistance could be rendered to them. Their names are: Mary, Della and Ella Paradine, daughters of Wm. Paradine, an Erie machinist; and Jessie Moore, daughter of John H. Moore, an engineer of the Erie & Pittsburgh railroad.

The unfortunate girls formed a portion of a party of pleasure-seekers who were enjoying a sail upon the yacht Carmencita. The boat had but a few moments before departed from the head of the bay, sailing free before a light but puffy wind. The four girls named were seated upon the roof of the yacht's cabin when a sudden puff of wind coming down from the wooded shore, an unexpected direction, the sail jibed, sweeping the four off into the water. As quickly as possible the yacht was put about, but what with the headway obtained and the light wind it was impossible to reach the spot in time to save any of the girls. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

## A FLEET OF BIG WAR SHIPS.

Nine of Them Sailed Up Boston Harbor Friday Afternoon—The Officers Given a Reception in Faneuil Hall.

BOSTON, Sept. 3.—Amid the greatest enthusiasm from thousands, both afloat and ashore, a fleet of nine warships fresh from hard fighting in Cuba, headed by the stately Massachusetts, sailed up the harbor Friday afternoon and quietly dropped anchor off the wharves, salutes only being fired in honor of Commodore Howison, of the navy yard, and as Gov. Wolcott left for the shore.

Friday night the officers in their best uniforms came ashore and with Gov. Wolcott and Mayor Quincy held a well attended reception in historic Faneuil hall while the fleet with the assistance of a lively thunderstorm, lighted up the harbor with their search lights.

## Offer to Volunteers.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—In order to keep the regular army up to its maximum strength of 61,000, volunteers will be offered inducements to reenlist. The time in the volunteer service will be allowed them as a part of the continuous service in the regular branch.

Wednesday at the Presidio Brig. Gen. Miller reviewed the 7,000 troops representing part of the Philippine army of invasion now encamped in San Francisco.

## DISOBEDIENCE.

On Cervera's Return to Spain He May Be Court-Martialed.

He Was Ordered From Martinique to Havana, But Instead He Went to Santiago de Cuba and Locked His Fleet in the Harbor.

PARIS, Sept. 3.—From a responsible diplomatic source it is learned that Adm. Cervera will be court-martialed upon his return to Spain and in all probability severely reprimanded or degraded in the service. This action will undoubtedly arouse the chivalrous sympathy of Americans against the Spanish ministry. The trial of Cervera, however, is not merely a cloak to hide the administrative weakness of Spain in the late war.

The Spanish commission, which corresponded to the war board at Washington, had prepared a definite plan of campaign. Adm. Cervera was ordered to proceed to Martinique, where he was informed of the position of Sampson's ships. From Martinique he was ordered to Havana by a certain course on which he could be reached at several points by dispatch and supply ships. All went well according to the plan up to Cervera's departure from Martinique. No sooner had the Cape Verde fleet left Martinique than the Spanish board realized the futility of any naval

## LEADING CHARACTERS IN THE IMPENDING ARMY INVESTIGATION.



operations in Cuban waters. This may seem a remarkable statement, but it is a positive fact that dispatch boats were to be hurried to meet Cervera and order him to the Philippines. Plans for coal and supplies had been carefully laid to meet this emergency. But Cervera, taking matters into his own hands, instead of following the course prescribed leading to Havana, deliberately locked himself up in Santiago.

The dispatch boats hunted in vain for the fleet and the naval board found itself helpless. Thus it was that Camara's nondescript fleet was hurriedly prepared to do what had been planned for Cervera's more effective squadron. The Spanish had planned to keep Camara's fleet at home for defense. The Watson bluff ruined this last effort to reach Manila. Adm. Cervera will be called before a Spanish court of naval inquiry and asked to explain why he disobeyed orders. French naval authorities say that Cervera will undoubtedly be found guilty and will be degraded. The whole story gives a curious insight into the seeming lack of executive force at Madrid, and shows that the authorities at the last moment recognized the hopelessness of accomplishing anything in American waters. It throws the first light on the Spanish naval situation at a most critical moment of the campaign.

## Revenue Man at the Fair.

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Sept. 3.—W. J. Zacharias, of Brookville, deputy collector of internal revenue, swooped down on the Rush county fair grounds Friday. He found one man selling whisky, four men dealing out hop ale, four shows and several other things which had not paid the new revenue tax. He made a general cleaning. When he had finished collecting he had a roll of bills as thick as a man's arm. The amounts ranged from \$100 down to \$10.

## OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE.

Reported That England and Germany Have Formed an Alliance—Germany Given a Free Hand in Asia.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—The Daily Mail says Saturday morning: "We learn that Mr. Balfour and the German ambassador, Count Von Hatzfeldt, signed on Wednesday a document preliminary to a treaty which will give Germany a free hand in Asia Minor and allow England to lease Delagoa Bay from Portugal at a cost between £2,000,000 and £5,000,000. Germany will, as a further condition, support Great Britain's claim for the abolition of mixed tribunals in Egypt. Mr. Schomberg Kerr McDonnell, the premier's private secretary, has left London for the continent to submit to Lord Salisbury a copy of the treaty."

## MANY HEARTS MADE GLAD.

A List of the Volunteer Regiments That Were Ordered Mustered Out of the United States Service Friday.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—The following troops were ordered to be mustered out of service Friday:

First Pennsylvania, Knoxville to Philadelphia; 2d Pennsylvania, Montebello to Philadelphia; 3d Pennsylvania, Huntsville to Philadelphia; 18th Pennsylvania, Camp Meade to Pittsburgh; 4th Wisconsin, Camp Douglas, to Wisconsin; 71st New York, Montauk to Camp Black; 1st New Jersey, Camp Alger to Sea Girt; 32d Michigan, Chickamauga to Camp Eaton, Michigan; 1st

## MINE EXPLOSION

A Vessel, While Removing Explosives, Badly Damaged.

A Column of Water Hurlled 50 Feet Into the Air and Debris Blown Several Hundred Feet High—Work to Be Abandoned.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 5.—A Fort St. Philip special to the Picayune says:

When the John R. Meigs had her fore-castle blown off there were six men hurled by the shock into the Mississippi river who never came to the surface. Three others were thrown into the river but were not so badly injured as to prevent their climbing back upon the boat. Contrary to the advice received Saturday night the Meigs did not sink immediately. Disabled as she was, she was carried by the tide and a stiff wind to the east bank where her stern grounded and her bow swung out and pointed down stream. Nearly everything of value had been recovered before she lurched off the bank on which her stern rested and plunged bow foremost into the deep water of the channel. The men hurled to death by the dynamite never saw the mine that exploded. The shock came when it was several feet beneath the surface.

The six men killed were: Capt. P. R. Starr, of Vicksburg; Sergt. John Newman, Willett's Point, N. Y.; Private Pat Carloe, from the same place; Fireman J. D. Malone; Ralph Rogers, colored; Harry Jackson, colored.

The wounded were D. B. Reddicks and Fritz Koch. They are here in the hospital. Pilot J. C. Davis was at the wheel at the time of the explosion and the flying fragments of the torpedo and the shattered steel deck tore the pilot house to pieces. Mr. Davis, however, escaped unhurt. Lieut. Henry Jervey was within a few feet of the pilot house and he too, was fortunate enough to escape unhurt. Night Watchman Frank Coape, asleep in his cabin on the boiler deck, was awakened by the crash to find himself in a hole gaping in the roof and his bed jammed against the wall by a piece of the steel deck. He climbed out through the hole. Lieut. Jervey and Pilot Harris were also on the boiler deck. D. B. Reddicks was blown into the river. A piece of steel went through his right forearm and another tore off a piece of his scalp. Engineer Layne was blown into the river and escaped injury. There were 19 people in the boat when the explosion occurred. The explosion occurred about eleven o'clock. It was noon when the Meigs sank. Her entire fore-castle was blown off and nothing but her water tight compartments prevented her immediate sinking.

A column of water was hurled 50 feet high into the air and debris blown several hundred feet high. Portions of the torpedo and steel deck fell on the bank in front of Fort St. Philip 1,500 feet from the scene of the wreck.

Maj. Quinn arrived at Fort St. Philip at 3 o'clock. He stated that no more torpedoes would be taken up. The work will be abandoned. There are 19 still in the water. Maj. Quinn and Lieut. Jervey agree that the accident is inexplicable. It was impossible for the torpedo to explode. The torpedo did explode. And that is the way they summarize the situation.

CAPT. ALBERT S. BARKER.  
(The New Commander of the Great Battleship Oregon.)

## Result of a Court Martial.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Corporal Wm. I. Ellington, Company K, 4th United States volunteer infantry, having been found guilty of a violation of the 21st, 22nd and 38th articles of war by a court martial convened at Fredericksburg, Va., was sentenced to dishonorable discharge and confinement in prison for three years. The man will be sent to St. Francis barracks, St. Augustine, Fla., for confinement.

## Annexation Now Reported Favored By Filipinos.

MANILA, Sept. 5.—Intelligent native leaders are preparing to petition the United States to annex the Philippines, according to one of Chief Aguinaldo's confidential advisers. Aguinaldo is not a party to the scheme. He still dreams of a republic.

## Deaths From Heat in New York.

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